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ANNUAL REPORT

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COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND

FOR THE YEAR

1903.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM HUMBLE, EARL OF DUDLEY,

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE, the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, beg to submit the following General Report of our proceedings during the year 1903.

Constitution of Commission.

We deeply regret to have to report the death in February, 1903, of Rev. R. M'Cheyne Edgar, D.D., M.A., who was one of the "continuing Commissioners" as defined in Section 3 of our Scheme, and who on more than one occasion held the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board. We take the present opportunity of recording our sorrow at the loss of our colleague, and our high appreciation of his valuable services to education during his lengthened period of office as a Commissioner.

In April, 1903, your Excellency was pleased to appoint Rev. James Denham Osborne, M.A., to be a Commissioner in succession to Rev. Dr. Edgar. In other respects, the constitution of our Commission remains the same as it was at the close of 1902, as set forth in our last Report, dated April 23, 1903. The names of the Commissioners are set out, *infra*, Appendix A, No. I., p. 8.

Meetings and Attendances.

We held Quarterly Meetings on January 22, April 23, July 15, and October 15. At the Meeting of January 22 we elected Right Rev. Monsignor Molloy, D.D., D.Sc., to be our Chairman, and Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D., to be our Vice-Chairman for the year. A Table of the attendances of the Commissioners is given *infra*, Appendix A, No. III., p. 9.

Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee held nineteen meetings during the year. Twenty meetings were summoned, but one fell through, that of August 20, 1903, as no Commissioner attended. In Appendix A, No. IV., is given a Table of attendances of the Standing Committee. The names of those Commissioners who constitute the Standing Committee are given, Appendix A, No. II., p. 8.

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Accounts.

Accounts.—In Appendix B, *infra*, pp. 10–20, we give Summaries of our Audited Accounts together with the Report of the Local Government Board Auditor.

Receipts.

The following is a Summary of the Income Side of our Account —

Account.	Income—1903.				Net Credit Balances, January 1, 1903.	Gross Total.
	Rents.	Dividends	Miscellaneous.	Total Income.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	3,084 1 7½	1,390 10 6	20 18 11	4,495 11 0½	719 18 4	5,215 9 4½
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds."	—	180 8 6	5 9 4	185 17 10	95 7 1	281 4 11
Other Endowments, .	728 3 2½	623 12 4	8 8 6	1,360 4 0½	566 14 4½	1,926 18 5
Total, .	3,812 4 10	2,194 11 4	34 16 9	6,041 12 11	1,381 19 9½	7,423 12 8½

Expenditure.

Subjoined we give, in Summary, a Table of Expenditure :—

Account.	Expenditure—1903.				Net Credit Balances December 31, 1903.	Gross Total
	Rents, Rates, and other outgoings.	Payment of Retired Masters' Annuities.	Distribution for Educational Purpose.	Total Expenditure.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	814 5 4½	738 16 6	2,934 0 0	4,487 1 10½	728 7 6	5,215 9 4½
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds."	—	—	187 0 11	187 0 11	94 4 0	281 4 11
Other Endowments,	267 3 4½	94 3 4	863 5 3	1,224 11 11½	702 6 5½	1,926 18 5
Total	1,081 8 9	832 19 10	3,984 6 2	5,898 14 9	1,524 17 11½	7,423 12 8½

Comparison

Compared with the year 1902, our income from all sources shows the serious falling off of £888. This diminution is to be found principally under the heading "Other Endowments," and is accounted for by the fact that the tenants on one of our Estates for various reasons, delayed a considerable time in paying their rents. Our Agent, however, reports that those rents are now being paid. The diminution, is accordingly only temporary, and we trust that the sums available for educational purposes under "Other Endowments" during the present year will contrast favourably with those appearing in our Tables for the period now under review.

On the Expenditure side of our account, our outgoings were £142 less than our receipts, and the sum total of our credit balances is accordingly increased by that amount.

Capital.

Our Capital Stock Accounts were decreased during the year by the sale of £527 19*s.* 4*d.* Government Consolidated Stock. The proceeds of this sale were lent to the Cavan Protestant Board of Education at the rate of 4 per cent interest, and secured by a Mortgage Deed, to enable them to acquire proper recreation ground in connection with Cavan Royal School. The transaction secured at once suitable playing fields for the School and an increased rate of interest for the Endowments concerned.

Ulster Royal School Endowments.

The Schools sharing in those Endowments continue to be conducted in a satisfactory manner. The numbers in attendance, the efficiency of the teaching, and the state of the school premises are, on the whole, creditable.

Numbers.

The total number on the School Rolls was 671, as compared with 699 for 1902. But it is to be remembered that this latter number showed an increase of 121 on the preceding year. The numbers in attendance at St. Patrick's College, Armagh, and St.

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Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny, are reduced by 19 and 12 respectively; while those of St. Patrick's College, Cavan; Royal School, Raphoe; Royal School, Dungannon; and St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, are also reduced in a less degree. The following increases have taken place;—Royal School, Cavan, 4; Royal School, Enniskillen, 3; St. MacCartan's, Seminary, Monaghan, 8; and St. Michael's College, Enniskillen, 7. Notwithstanding the decrease in the numbers attending the Schools, it is pleasing to note that the competitors at the Intermediate Examinations in 1903 were more numerous than in 1902, the figures being 401 for the former year, as against 394 for the latter.

Efficiency.

The standard of efficiency, as tested by the Intermediate Examinations, is slightly higher than that of the previous year; the percentage of "Passes" in 1903 being 65·8, compared with a percentage of 64·3 in 1902. This result is all the more creditable, in view of the increased percentage of competitors alluded to above. The Schools compared with those of Ireland as a whole, still maintain their favourable record, the percentage of successes being 65·8 as against 60·7.

School Premises.

The School buildings are, speaking generally, sufficient and well maintained. To this satisfactory state of things there is one exception; but we are glad to learn that the Local Board concerned are fully alive to the inadequacy of their School accommodation, and are seriously considering the question of improving it.

"Qualified Schools."

Of the eleven Schools selected by the Ulster Local Boards, ten have fulfilled all the conditions prescribed by the Scheme. St. Michael's College, Enniskillen, which last year (its first year of existence) failed to qualify, has this year entitled itself to a share in the Endowment at the disposal of the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board. On the other hand, St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny, has been found to be disqualified, in that it failed to afford regular instruction in French or German, and in Drawing, as required by the first schedule of the Scheme. In view, however, of the fact that this is the first occasion on which St. Eunan's has failed to qualify, and that the authorities of the Seminary have undertaken to meet the requirements of the Scheme in future, we exercised the power vested in us of dispensing for one year with the conditions in which it so failed, and we declared the School eligible to share in the grants for the year 1902–3, notwithstanding the finding of the Inspector.

In Appendix C, *infra*, pp. 21–25, will be found the Report on the Schools sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments, presented by our Acting Secretary, who, as Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, visited the Schools in September, 1903. We beg to refer to this document for full particulars with regard to numbers in attendance, educational efficiency, and state of School premises.

Local Boards.

We print, *infra* pp. 27–39, the Annual Reports of the Local Boards of Education. The amount distributed between those Boards for the benefit of their respective School Districts, including interest on the Building Funds of Cavan and Fermanagh Roman Catholic Boards, was £3,121 0*s.* 11*d.*, allocated as follows:—Armagh, £400; Cavan, £294 4*s.* 8*d.*; Donegal, £206; Fermanagh, £1,014 16*s.* 3*d.*; and Tyrone, £1,206.

Other Endowments.

Preston Endowment.—The gross income of this Endowment for the year was only £310 14*s.* 10½*d.*, as compared with £1,285 0*s* 9½*d.* for the year 1902. In 1902 a good collection, both of hanging gale and arrears, was made; whereas, in 1903, only a very slight portion of the rents due was paid. This means that a very much increased income may be anticipated for the year 1904 The amounts paid to the several Schools having claims on the Endowment were as follows:—King's Hospital, Oxmantown, £174 8*s.* 10*d.*; Preston School, Navan, £104 13*s.* 8*d.*; and Preston School, Abbeyleix, £89 13*s.* 8*d.*

Preston School, Navan.—There is a slight falling off in the attendance roll, the number being two less than that of the previous year, otherwise the condition of the School is satisfactory. The Lord Lieutenant's Inspector considers "the teaching excellent," and that "every care is taken by the Principal for the comfort, &c., of the pupils."

Preston School, Abbeyleix.—The present condition of this School is a pleasing contrast to the state of things which existed some few years ago, and the change is,

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to a great extent, due to the energy of the new Head Master. We should be glad, however, to see some of the members of the Local Board manifesting a greater interest in their work, and also a larger number of pupils taking advantage of the benefits of the School. We beg to refer to the Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, set forth, *infra*, p. 26.

Carysfort Endowment.—The Reports of the National Board Inspector on the five schools sharing in this Endowment are fairly satisfactory. The amount available for distribution was £114 15*s.* 0*d.*, and this sum was allocated equally between Schools under Protestant and Schools under Roman Catholic management.

The Leamy Endowments, Limerick.—During the year we distributed between the Leamy Local Boards of Education a sum of £220 9*s.* 4*d.*

The High School, Limerick, which is under the management of the Leamy Protestant Board, is making good progress in its new premises. A number of the pupils regularly attend the Limerick Technical School for instruction in Natural Science, and a class has been formed to compete at the Intermediate Examinations of 1904.

The Leamy National School, for the management of which the Leamy Roman Catholic Board is responsible, is pronounced "excellent" by the National Board Inspector.

We would refer to the Report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector on these Schools which is given, *infra*, page 26.

The Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk.—Three Schools established their claim to share in this Endowment, namely :—St. Mary's College, Dundalk, for seventeen pupils; the Christian Schools for five pupils; and the Educational Institution for thirteen pupils. We divided the sum of £52 15*s.* 10*d.* amongst them, in proportion to those numbers.

Bank's Endowment, Eyrecourt.—The Trustees again failed to submit a plan for the application of this Endowment, and having consulted the Manager of Eyrecourt National School in accordance with Sec. 6 of Scheme No. 128 we decided to devote the funds to the teaching of such technical subjects as Shirt-making, Knitting, &c., in that School. The sum available was £15 16*s.* 8*d.*, and we think the money was well expended, as the National Board's Inspector's minute on the instruction imparted in the School says—"Every branch has received most careful attention with highly satisfactory results."

The Diocesan School Endowments.—The year under review was the first occasion on which the plan adopted for the application of these Endowments came into force. As previously reported that plan consists in applying the money each year as Prizes to be devoted to the payment of fees for the year next following of pupils from Intermediate Schools in the several districts who shall have most successfully passed the Examinations of the Intermediate Education Board in the Preparatory Grade. Based on such plan, and in accordance with the Results of the Intermediate Examinations (1903), we paid, as prizes, £12 to pupils attending Schools in the Diocese of Leighlin and Ossory, £26 to pupils attending Schools in the Dioceses of Meath and Ardagh, and £28 to pupils attending Schools in the Dioceses of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry.

Anne Hall Endowment.—The income of this Endowment, amounting to £23, still continues to be spent in effecting much-needed repairs on Lattone National School.

Limerick Diocesan School Endowment.—The income of this Endowment, which consists of the rent of Roxboro' Road School premises, and dividends on £63 1*s.* 6*d.* Government Stock, continues to accumulate in our hands.

Estate Management.

Rentals and Accounts.

In Appendix B. IV. and V., we give Summaries of our Rentals for the years 1901-1902, together with our Agents' Accounts for the corresponding periods.

The years' Rentals have decreased from £3,755 to £3,693. This reduction has been caused by the fixing of rents under the Land Acts and by "Adjustments"; the chief

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sufferer being the Tyrone Estate, which shows a diminition of £37. Our receipts by way of rents for the period covered by the Rentals shows an increase of £370 on those for the preceding twelve months, the arrears due on Tyrone, Carysfort, and Cappaloughlin Estates having been materially reduced. The total of arrears due on the Estates, when the Agents furnished their Annual Accounts, stood at £2,449 5*s.* 9*d.*

Irish Land Act, 1903.

We have received proposals from the Tenants on our various Estates to purchase their holdings under the above Act. Having carefully considered the figures, we found that the acceptance of such proposals would result in a material diminution of the net Incomes derivable from the Estates, and that, accordingly, if we were to sell on the terms offered, the Educational efficiency of the Schools dependent on these Estates would be seriously impaired. We have, therefore, refused to treat with the tenants on the basis of the offers which they have already made, but we have informed them that if fresh proposals be received they shall be carefully considered.

All which we have the honour to submit to your Excellency as our report in the premises.

Sealed with our Common Seal at a Meeting held this 28th day of April, 1904, and forwarded for submission to your Excellency on the same date.

Present when the Seal was affixed.

H. B. WILSON, *Chairman.*
GERALD MOLLOY.
J. WALKER CRAIG.
JAMES H. STRONGE.
W. R. COONEY.
✠ROBERT BROWNE.
JAMES C. MACGINLEY.
} *Commissioners.*

STANISLAUS MURPHY,
Acting Secretary.

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APPENDIX A.

No. I.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND, 1903.

I. Appointed by the Lord Lieutenant:

1. Right Rev. Monsignor Molloy, D.D., D.Sc., *Chairman.*
2. Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Cloyne.
3. Rev. J. W. R. Campbell, M.A.
4. His Honor Judge Carton.
5. Sir Francis R. Cruise, M.D., D.L.
6. Rev. J. M. Hamilton, D.D., A.M.
7. Right Hon. Mr. Justice Madden.
8. Rev. J. Denham Oshorne, M.A.
9. W. J. M. Starkie, Esq., M.A., Litt.D., Resident Commissioner of National Education
10. R. Y. Tyrrell, Esq., Litt.D., F.T.C.D.

II. Elected by the Local Boards of Education:

11 Sir James H. Stronge, Bart., D.L., Armagh Protestant Board.
12. Very Rev. M. Canon Coyne, P.P., Armagh Roman Catholic Board.
13. Anthony Traill, Esq., LL.D., M.D., S.F.T.C.D., Cavan Protestant Board.
14. His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, Cavan Roman Catholic Board.
15. His Honor Judge Craig, Donegal Protestant Board.
16 Very Rev. James C. MacGinley, Donegal Roman Catholic Board.
17. W. R. Cooney, Esq., J.P., Fermanagh Protestant Board.
18. Most Rev. Dr. Owens, Bishop of Clogher, Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board.
19. Rev. H. B. Wilson, D.D., Tyrone Protestant Board, *Vice-chairman.*
20. Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.G., Tyrone Roman Catholic Board.

No. II.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

1. The Chairman, } *ex-officio*
2. The Vice-Chairman, } *ex-officio*
3. Rev. Mr. Campbell
4. Judge Carton.
5. Judge Craig.
6. Rev. J. Denham Oshorne.
7. Right Hon. Mr. Justice Madden.
8. Very Rev. Dean MacGinley.
9. Dr. Starkie.
10. Dr. Traill

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No. III.

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF THE COMMISSIONERS, 1903.

Names of Commissioners.	Dates of Meetings.				Total.
	January 22.	April 23.	July 15.	October 15.	
Molloy, Monsignor, *Chairman*,	1	1	1	1	4
Wilson, Rev. Dr., *Vice-Chairman*,	1	1	1	1	4
Browne, Most Rev. Dr.,	1	1	-	1	3
Byrne, Monsignor,	1	1	1	1	4
Campbell, Rev. Mr.,	1	-	-	1	2
Carton, Judge,	1	-	-	-	1
Cooney, W. R.,	1	1	1	1	4
Coyne, Very Rev. Canon,	1	1	1	1	4
Craig, Judge,	-	1	1	-	2
Crosse, Sir Francis,	1	-	-	-	1
*Edgar, Rev. Dr.,	-	-	-	-	0
Hamilton, Rev. Dr.,	1	-	1	1	3
Madden, Mr. Justice,	-	-	-	-	0
MacGinley, Very Rev. Dean,	1	1	-	1	3
*Osborne, Rev. J. D.	-	-	-	-	0
Owens, Most Rev. Dr.,	1	1	-	1	3
Starkie, Dr.,	-	-	-	-	0
Stronge, Sir James,	1	1	1	1	4
Traill, Dr.	1	-	-	-	1
Tyrrell, Dr.,	-	1	-	-	1
Walsh, Most Rev. Dr.,	-	1	-	-	1

* Rev. Dr. Edgar died February 22nd, 1903. Rev. Mr. Osborne appointed April 14th, 1903.

No. IV.

ATTENDANCE ROLL OF STANDING COMMITTEE, 1903.

Total Number of Meetings summoned during the Year—**20.**

Total Number of Meetings held during the Year—**19.**

Names of Commissioners	Dates of Meetings.																					Total.
	January 15.	January 23.	February 12.	March 5.	March 26.	April 2.	April 16.	May 7.	May 21.	June 11.	June 25.	July 9.	*August 20.	August 27	September 10	October 8.	October 23.	November 12.	November 26.	December 10.		
Molloy, Monsignor, *Chairman*,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-		3
Wilson, Rev. Dr., *Vice-Chairman*,	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1		13
Campbell, Rev. Mr.,	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1		11
Carton, Judge,	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1		10
Craig, Judge,	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1		3
†Edgar, Rev. Dr.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		0
MacGinley, Very Rev Dean,	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-		6
Madden, Mr. Justice,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		0
†Osborne, Rev. J. D.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		1
Starkie, Dr.,	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		2
Traill, Dr.,	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1		8

*No Commissioner attended.

†Rev. Dr. Edgar died February 22nd, 1903. Rev. Mr. Osborne added to Standing Committee on April 23rd 1903.

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

APPENDIX B.—

No. I.—SUMMARY OF

Dr. Made up to

Title of Account.	—		
	£	s.	d.
To Armagh Royal School Endowment—Capital,	145	1	0
„ Armagh Royal School Endowment—Income,	8	15	2½
„ Armagh Protestant Board,	157	6	9
„ Cavan Estate, Sale,	44	3	5
„ Cavan Protestant Board, Loan Account,	485	16	3
„ Donegal Estate, Sale,	11	5	4
„ Donegal Protestant Board,	21	19	8
„ Fermanagh Protestant Board—Capital,	750	0	0
„ Fermanagh Protestant Board—Income,	9	6	3
„ Dungannon Estate, Loan,	25	16	0
„ Fermanagh Estate, Sale,	235	3	0
„ Preston General Account,	31	4	1
„ Leamy Roman Catholic Board,	1	10	0
„ Ulster Bank,	1,093	2	4
„ Agents' Accounts,	654	4	1
Total,	£3,674	13	4½

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IN IRELAND, 6 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

ACCOUNTS.

CASH ACCOUNTS.

December 31st, 1903. *Cr.*

TITLE OF ACCOUNT.	£	s.	d.
By Cavan Royal School Endowment—Capital,	485	16	3
„ Cavan Royal School Endowment—Income,	104	15	7½
„ Cavan Roman Catholic Board,	31	1	10
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment—Capital,	0	11	6
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment—Income,	88	12	7
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment—Capital,	145	1	0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment—Income,	452	1	11½
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Capital,	999	7	8
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board—Income,	63	2	2
„ Dungannon Royal School Endowment—Income,	91	12	6½
„ Tyrone Protestant Board,	1	13	6
„ Preston (Navan) Income,	49	1	5
„ Preston (Queen's Co.) Income,	41	9	2½
„ Leamy Endowment,	76	7	2
„ Leamy Protestant Board—Capital,	2	18	0
„ Leamy Protestant Board—Income,	22	9	4
„ Limerick Diocesan School,	236	14	6
„ Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School,	10	3	6
„ Meath and Ardagh Diocesan School,	24	1	10
„ Tuam, Killala, and Achonry Diocesan School,	29	8	0
„ Athlone Private School,	2	1	1
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	8	12	0
„ Reps. R. Owen,	249	7	8
„ Preston School Scholarship, Abbeyleix,	14	9	5
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment,	52	19	3
„ Banagher Royal School Endowment,	139	10	10½
„ Carysfort Royal School Endowment,	65	13	2
„ Outstanding Orders,	185	10	4
Total,	£3,674	13	4½

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

No. II.—STOCK

Dr.

Made up to

Description of Security.	—		
	£	s.	d.
Government 2½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock :—			
To Commissioners of Education, "Account A,"	14,196	12	6
" Do. do., (formerly collateral with Bank of Ireland),	2,000	0	0
" Do. do., "Account B,"	164	2	10
" Accountant-General, Credit of Commissioners and Great Southern and Western Railway Company,	903	19	2
" Bishop of Clonfert, and others, and Commissioners,	440	6	9
	17,705	1	3
To Canada 3 per cent. Stock,	498	16	2
Railway Debenture Stock, &c. :—			
To Midland Great Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	3,884	0	0
	3,884	0	0
Do. do. 4¼ per cent. Debenture,	821	0	0
Do. do. 4 per cent. Rent Charge,	3,872	0	0
	3,872	0	0

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IN IRELAND, 6 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT.

December 31st, 1903.

Cr.

Title of Endowment Account, &c.	£	s.	d.
Government 2½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock :—			
By Cavan Royal School Endowment,	3,095	11	8
„ Cavan Roman Catholic Board,	2,607	11	3
„ Carysfort Royal School Endowment,	1,313	11	10
„ Preston (Navan) Endowment,	3,614	11	4
„ Preston (Queen's County) Endowment,	3,476	6	0
„ Limerick Diocesan School,	63	1	6
„ Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School,	358	12	7
„ Meath and Ardagh do. do.	836	8	3
„ Tuam, Killala, and Achonry do. do.	853	2	9
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	78	16	9
„ Do. do.	440	6	9
„ Athlone Private School,	164	2	10
„ Preston General Endowment,	903	19	2
	17,705	1	3
„ Preston School, Navan,	498	16	2
Railway Debenture Stock, &c. :—			
By Leamy Endowment,	3,169	0	0
„ Leamy Protestant Board,	139	0	0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	576	0	0
	3,884	0	0
„ Leamy Protestant Board,	500	0	0
„ Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	65	0	0
„ Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School,	46	0	0
„ Meath and Ardagh do. do.	103	0	0
„ Tuam, Killala, and Achonry do. do.	107	0	0
	821	0	0
„ Leamy Endowment,	1,106	0	0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	1,417	0	0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	1,349	0	0
	3,872	0	0

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Dr. No. II.—STOCK

Description of Security.	— £ s. d.
Railway Debenture Stock, &c.:—	
To Great Southern and Western Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	1,611 0 0
	1,611 0 0
To Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway 4 per cent. Debenture,	741 0 0
„ Do. do. 4½ per cent. do.	200 0 0
„ Cork and Macroom 4 per cent. Debenture,	1,000 0 0
„ Donegal Railway 5 per cent. Debenture,	450 0 0
	450 0 0
To Great Northern Railway 4 per cent. Debenture	2,447 0 0
	2,447 0 0
„ Cork and Bandon 4 per cent. Debenture,	2,667 0 0
	2,667 0 0
„ Guaranteed Land Stock,	34,484 18 4
„ Do do. (Guarantee Deposits),	5,088 0 0
	39,572 18 4
„ Bank of Ireland Stock,	201 9 6

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MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT—*continued.* *Cr.*

Title of Endowment Account, &c.	— £	s.	d.
Railway Debenture Stock &c.:—			
By Leamy Endowment,	1,250	0	0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment,	22	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	132	0	0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	199	0	0
„ Dungannon Royal School Endowment,	8	0	0
	1,611	0	0
„ Leamy Endowment,	741	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	200	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	1,000	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	207	0	0
„ Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board,	132	0	0
„ Carysfort Royal School Endowment,	36	0	0
„ Leighlin and Ossory Endowment,	17	0	0
„ Meath and Ardagh Endowment,	18	0	0
„ Tuam, Killala, and Achonry Endowment,	40	0	0
	450	0	0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	2,300	0	0
„ Viscount Limerick Endowment,	147	0	0
	2,447	0	0
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	1,687	0	0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	980	0	0
	2,667	0	0
„ Cavan Estate Sale,	7,524	18	6
„ Donegal Estate Sale,	11	0	0
„ Fermanagh Estate Sale,	26,948	19	10
„ Raphoe Royal School Endowment,	1,912	0	0
„ Cavan Royal School Endowment,	187	0	0
„ Enniskillen Royal School Endowment,	2,989	0	0
	39,572	18	4
„ Preston School Scholarship, Abbeyleix,	201	9	6

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APPENDIX B.—

No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

1 (a.)—THE ULSTER ROYAL

DR. CHARGE.

Name of Endowment.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1902.	RECEIPTS. Rents.	Dividends.	Other Payments.	Total Receipts.	Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1903.	TOTAL.	Debit Balances, Dec 31, 1902.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh Royal School, . .	—	1,152 7 2	—	3 7 0	1,165 14 2	8 15 2½	1,174 9 4½	53 12 8
Cavan Royal School, . .	113 2 8½	—	236 10 0	1 3 4	237 13 4	—	400 15 7½	—
Raphoe Royal School, . .	110 11 11	71 15 0	178 12 9	0 17 7	246 5 4	—	356 17 3	—
Enniskillen Royal School, .	460 15 8½	120 8 0	930 1 8	11 0 8	1,061 8 4	—	1,522 3 10½	—
Dungannon Royal School, .	89 1 8	1,729 18 5½	0 8 1	4 10 4	1,734 9 10½	—	1,823 11 1½	—
Total, . .	773 11 0	3,084 1 7½	1,390 10 6	20 18 11	4,495 11 0½	8 15 2½	5,277 17 3	53 12 8

1 (b.)—THE ULSTER LOCAL

DR. CHARGE.

Name of Local Board.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1902.	RECEIPTS. Distributive Share of Endowment	Dividends, &c., on Building Funds, &c.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.	Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1903.	Total.	Debit Balances, December 31, 1902.
	£ s. d.	£. s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh Protestant, . .	—	200 0 0	—	—	200 0 0	157 6 9	357 6 9	123 0 0
Armagh Roman Catholic, .	—	200 0 0	—	—	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	—
Cavan Protestant, . . .	—	113 10 0	—	—	113 10 0	—	113 10 0	—
Cavan Roman Catholic, . .	33 12 4	113 10 0	64 14 2	—	178 4 2	—	211 18 6	—
Donegal Protestant, . .	—	103 0 0	—	14 10 4	117 10 4	21 19 8	139 10 0	21 8 10
Donegal Roman Catholic, .	—	103 0 0	—	—	103 0 0	—	103 0 0	—
Fermanagh Protestant, . .	—	447 10 0	—	5 0 0	452 10 0	9 8 3	431 16 3	18 5 0
Fermanagh Roman Catholic,	61 14 9	447 10 0	115 14 4	5 9 4	568 18 8	—	630 8 5	—
Tyrone Protestant, . . .	—	603 0 0	—	1 13 6	604 13 6	—	804 13 6	—
Tyrone Roman Catholic, .	—	603 0 0	—	—	603 0 0	—	603 0 0	—
Total, . . .	95 7 1	2,934 0 0	180 8 6	26 13 2	3,141 1 8	188 12 8	3,425 1 5	160 11 10

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ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE, 1903.

SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

DISCHARGE. Cr.

EXPENDITURE. On Estate, Endowment, &c. Rents, Taxes, &c.	Agency Charges, and other Payments.	Retired Masters' Annuities.	Amount Distributed between Local Boards.	Total Expenditure.	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1903.	TOTAL.	Name of Endowment.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
159 14 5½	90 17 2	470 5 1	400 0 0	1,120 16 8½	—	1,174 9 4½	Armagh Royal School.
—	5 13 3	63 6 9	227 0 0	296 0 0	104 15 7½	400 15 7½	Cavan Royal School.
48 12 5	16 12 3	—	206 0 0	266 4 8	66 12 7	356 17 3	Raphoe Royal School.
8 5 7	10 16 2	116 16 2	895 0 0	1,070 1 11	452 1 11½	1,522 3 10½	Enniskillen Royal School.
176 13 2	259 16 11	69 6 6	1,206 0 0	1,731 18 7	91 12 6½	1,623 11 1½	Dungannon Royal School.
393 6 7½	420 19 9	738 16 6	2,934 0 0	4,487 1 10½	737 2 6½	5,277 17 3	Total.

BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

DISCHARGE. Cr.

CREDITS. Rent, &c., due by Local Boards.	Income of Building Funds paid.	Net Amount of Share of Endowment.	Total Credits.	Credit Balances, December 31, 1903.	Total.	Name of Local Board.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
234 6 9	—	—	234 6 9	—	357 6 9	Armagh Protestant.
—	—	200 0 0	200 0 0	—	200 0 0	Armagh Roman Catholic
—	—	113 10 0	113 10 0	—	113 10 0	Cavan Protestant.
—	67 4 6	113 10 0	180 14 8	31 1 10	211 16 6	Cavan Roman Catholic.
63 0 0	—	55 3 2	118 6 2	—	139 10 0	Donegal Protestant.
—	—	103 0 0	103 0 0	—	103 0 0	Donegal Roman Catholic.
37 0 0	—	408 11 3	445 11 3	—	461 16 3	Fermanagh Protestant.
—	119 16 3	447 10 0	567 6 3	63 2 2	630 6 5	Fermanagh Roman Catholic.
—	—	603 0 0	603 0 0	1 13 8	604 13 6	Tyrone Protestant.
—	—	603 0 0	603 0 0	—	603 0 0	Tyrone Roman Catholic.
334 6 9	187 0 11	2,647 4 5	3,168 12 1	95 17 8	3,125 1 5	Total.

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APPENDIX B.—

No. III.—RECEIPTS AND

2.—OTHER ROYAL SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE ENDOWMENTS

DR. CHARGE.

NAME OF ENDOWMENT.	Credit Balances, December, 1902.	RECEIPTS. Rents.	Dividends.	Other Receipts.	Total Receipts.	Debit Balances, December 31, 1903.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Banagher Royal School,	16 7 7½	244 2 6	—	0 12 0	244 14 3	—	261 2 1½
*Carysfort Royal School,	45 2 9	132 4 5	34 17 6	0 15 6	137 17 5	—	213 0 2
Athlone Private School,	2 3 2	—	4 6 3	—	4 6 3	—	3 11 5
Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt,	8 13 11	—	18 2 5	—	18 2 5	—	24 18 4
Leamy Endowment, Limerick,	56 15 6	—	236 2 6	1 0 4	237 2 10	—	293 16 4
Leamy Protestant Board of Education,	—	—	25 4 11	—	25 4 11	—	25 4 11
Preston Endowment (General),	—	285 13 3½	22 17 7	2 4 0	310 14 10½	31 4 1	341 18 11½
Preston School, Navan,	52 6 10	—	101 8 3	—	101 8 3	—	153 15 1
Preston, Queen's County, Endowments,	44 16 10	—	86 6 0	—	86 6 0	—	131 2 10
Preston Scholarship,	10 18 0	—	23 13 5	—	23 13 5	—	34 9 5
Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk,	52 18 1	46 3 0	6 11 0	0 3 0	52 17 0	—	105 15 1
Meath and Ardagh Diocesan School Fund,	23 18 9	—	25 14 1	0 9 0	26 3 1	—	50 1 10
Leighlin and Ossory do.,	10 10 1	—	11 10 5	0 3 0	11 13 5	—	22 3 3
Limerick do.,	212 10 8	20 0 0	1 11 2	2 12 8	24 3 10	—	238 14 6
Tuam, &c., do.,	29 12 2	—	27 8 10	0 9 0	27 15 10	—	57 3 0
Totals,	566 14 4½	728 3 2½	323 12 4	8 3 6	1,360 4 0½	31 4 1	1,958 2 3

* From September 30, 1902, to September 30, 1903

No. IV.—SUMMARY RENTAL FOR YEAR TO SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER, 1902.

NAME OF ESTATE.	RENTALS, 1902. Arrears, 1901.	Rent, 1902	Total.	Collected, 1902.	Arrears, 1902.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh,	11 13 8	934 2 1	945 13 9	930 3 7	15 10 2
Tyrone,	1,943 13 6	1,628 7 3½	3,575 6 9½	1,661 17 9	*1,904 0 6½
Do Bog,	147 9 4	110 19 3	258 3 10	112 18 10	145 10 0
Carysfort,	50 11 1	125 4 5	176 15 8	162 8 0	14 9 6
Cappaloughlin,	501 17 1½	736 16 6	1,238 13 7½	868 18 1	369 15 6½
Banagher,	*Nil.*	159 3 8	159 5 8	159 6 8	*Nil.*
Totals,	2,660 12 8½	3,693 15 3½	6,354 8 2	3,895 14 11	2,449 5 9

* Extinguished £9 7s. 6d.

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ACCOUNTS

EXPENDITURE—(*continued*).

AND THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FUNDS.

DISCHARGE. CR.

Debit Balances, December 31, 1902.	EXPENDITURE. On Estate, &c. Rents, &c.	Other Expenditure.	Educational.	Total Expenditure.	Credit Balances, December, 1903.	Total.	NAME OF ENDOWMENT.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
—	12 11 9	†108 9 8	—	121 11 3	139 10 10½	261 2 1½	Banagher Royal School.
—	11 12 5	38 0 5	114 15 0	164 7 10	48 12 4	213 0 2	Caryefort Royal School.
—	—	—	4 10 4	4 10 4	2 1 1	6 11 5	Athlone Private School.
—	0 5 9	—	15 18 7	18 4 4	6 12 0	24 16 4	Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt.
—	20 0 0	0 16 9	196 14 5	217 11 2	76 7 2	293 18 4	Leamy Endowment, Limerick.
—	—	1 10 0	23 14 11	25 4 11	—	25 4 11	Leamy Protestant Board of Education.
—	92 1 8½	75 8 7	174 8 10	341 18 11½	—	341 18 11½	Preston Endowment (General).
—	—	—	104 13 8	104 13 8	49 1 5	153 15 1	Preston School, Navan.
—	—	—	89 13 8	89 13 8	41 9 2	131 2 10	Preston, Queen's County, Endowments.
—	—	—	20 0 0	20 0 0	14 9 5	34 9 5	Preston Scholarship.
—	—	—	52 15 10	52 15 10	52 19 3	105 15 1	Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk
—	—	—	28 0 0	28 0 0	24 1 10	52 1 10	Meath and Ardagh Diocesan School Fund
—	—	—	12 0 0	12 0 0	10 3 8	22 3 8	Leighlin and Ossory do.
—	—	—	—	—	238 14 8	238 14 8	Limerick do.
—	—	—	28 0 0	28 0 0	29 8 0	57 8 0	Tuam, &c., do.
—	136 11 5½	224 15 3	863 5 8	1,224 11 11½	733 10 6½	1,958 2 3	Totals.

† Including £294 3s. 4*d*., retiring annuity of late Head Master.

No. V.—SUMMARY OF AGENTS' ACCOUNTS, MAY, 1902, TO MAY, 1903.

Name of Estate.	Balance, 1902.	Receipts, 1902–1903.	Total.	Outgoings, 1902–1903.	Lodged, 1902–1903.	Balance, 1903.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Armagh, . . .	34 17 0½	956 3 3	991 0 8½	236 18 2	790 0 0	64 4 4½
Tyrone, ...	126 18 11	1,737 8 9½	1,864 5 8½	377 12 2½	1,350 0 0	136 13 6
Carysfort, . . .	*Nil.*	126 4 5	126 4 5	27 15 4	98 9 1	*Nil.*
Cappaloughlin, . .	338 7 7½	918 13 4½	1,257 1 0	190 3 2	800 0 0	266 11 10
Banagher, . . .	149 1 7½	171 4 2	320 5 9½	113 12 4	*Nil.*	203 13 6½
Totals, .	649 5 2½	3,909 12 3	4,558 17 5½	946 5 2½	2,948 9 1	664 3 3

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APPENDIX B.—ACCOUNTS.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
12*th March*, 1904.

SIR,

Herewith I return you, duly audited and certified, the Accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year ended the 31st day of December, 1903, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885.

The box containing the books and documents which accompanied the Accounts has been returned by Messenger. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

I enclose a copy of my report on the Audit, to the Local Government Board for Ireland.

I am

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

To S. MURPHY, Esq., LL.B.,
The Accounting Officer of
The Commissioners of Education in Ireland,
6, Grafton-street, Dublin.

COPY

Local Government Board, Dublin,
12*th March*, 1904.

No. 6,753/1904: EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to report, for the information of the Local Government Board, that I have audited, and certified as correct, the Accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year ended the 31st day of December, 1903, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act 1885, and I enclose herewith a copy of the Accounts mentioned.

The Accounts as usual have been prepared and submitted for audit in a satisfactory manner by Mr. S. Murphy, the Acting Secretary.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

To the Local Government Board,
Custom House, Dublin.

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

INSPECTION, 1902-1903.

I.

GENERAL REPORT

With regard to the INSPECTION for the YEAR 1902-1903 of the SCHOOLS selected by the Local Boards of Education to share in the

ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

As Inspector appointed by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the current year, I made my Inspection of these Schools in September, 1903. There are now eleven such Schools.

The subjoined Table shows the accommodation of the Schools and the numbers on their Rolls, respectively :—

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No of Pupils which the School can accommodate.			No. of Pupils on Roll, 1902-1903.				
				Boarders.		Day Pupils.		Total.
	Boarders.	Day Pupils	Total.	Male.	Female.	Male	Female	
Royal School, Armagh,	100	100	200	38	—	39	—	77
St. Patrick's College, Armagh,	40	16	56	29	—	2	—	31
Royal School, Cavan,	40	40	80	14	—	20	—	34
St Patrick's College, Cavan,	90	50	140	47	—	26	—	73
Royal School, Raphoe,	40	100	140	26	2	16	16	60
St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny,	6	40	46	6	—	22	—	28
Royal School, Enniskillen,	100	50	150	75	—	35	—	110
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan,	70	30	100	63	—	1	—	64
St. Michael's College, Enniskillen,	—	40	40	—	—	25	—	25
Royal School, Dungannon,	60	140	200	25	14	38	41	118
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon,	—	130	130	—	—	29	22	51

The success of the Schools, as shown by the Intermediate Examinations, is disclosed by the following Table :—

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No of Pupils on Intermediate School Roll.	Number who competed at Intermediate Examinations.		Number who passed.		Percentage of Passes to Intermediate Competitors.	Percentage of Passes to Intermediate School Roll.
		Male.	Female	Male.	Female		
Royal School, Armagh,	57	40	—	25	—	62%	43%
St. Patrick's College, Armagh,	23	16	—	13	—	81%	56%
Royal School, Cavan,	28	17	—	14	—	82%	50%
St. Patrick's College, Cavan,	59	35	—	16	—	45%	27%
Royal School, Raphoe,	47	31	10	19	2	51%	44%
St Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny,	25	22	—	15	—	68%	60%
Royal School, Enniskillen,	109	61	—	32	—	52%	29%
St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan,	58	58	—	45	—	77%	77%
St Michael's College, Enniskillen,	21	15	—	9	—	60%	42%
Royal School, Dungannon,	72	31	17	24	14	79%	52%
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon,	51	28	20	22	14	75%	70%

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School Rolls.—There has been a falling off in the total number of pupils on the Rolls, the figures being 671 for 1903 as against 699 for 1902, and for this reduction St. Patrick's College, Armagh, and St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny, are mainly accountable. A healthy sign, however, is to be found in the fact that, notwithstanding this diminution in the total number on the Rolls, the number of Intermediate Competitors has increased 401 having presented themselves for examination in 1903, as compared with 394 in 1902. This tends to show that the Schools are more amply fulfilling their mission as Intermediate Schools.

Educational Efficiency.—Tested by the results of the recent Intermediate Examinations, the Schools, taken as a whole, have done good work. The successful candidates number 264 out of 401 competitors, that is 65·8 per cent.; while the percentage of successes for the whole of Ireland is 60·7. The School which has made the greatest advance during the year, judged by the above test, is St. Patrick's College, Armagh, which has risen from a percentage of 45 successes in 1902 to one of 81 in 1903. Cavan and Raphoe Royal Schools and St Eunan's Seminary have also materially improved their positions. On the other hand, St Patrick's College, Cavan, shows a great falling off; a percentage of 67 successes in 1902 giving place to one of 45 in 1903. This result is far from satisfactory, and would seem to demand some investigation. As a possible explanation, I note that the College Teaching Staff numbers only five, while the College Roll is 73 Those figures strike me as being rather out of proportion, and may, perhaps, in some degree, account for the comparative failure of the College. Under the circumstances the Local Authorities might be well advised in considering the expediency of adding another member to the Teaching Staff. I further note that the weak subjects were Greek and Mathematics. Each of the other Schools impressed me as being provided with a Teaching Staff well up to its requirements.

Buildings, Equipment, etc.—The School Building are, speaking generally, in good order, and the teaching appliances sufficient and suitable. Eight of the Schools are supplied with well-equipped Laboratories for the teaching of Experimental Science, and in another (St. Michael's, Enniskillen,) the Laboratory was in course of erection on the occasion of my visit. The two Schools not so furnished are St Patrick's College, Armagh, and St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny.

New sanitary arrangements have been introduced into Raphoe and Dungannon Royal Schools at considerable cost. The new "Sanitary Annexe" in the latter establishment is on a very elaborate scale, but the water supply is not all that could be desired.

The facilities for ventilation are for the most part good, and are generally availed of But in the case of a Dormitory in Portora Royal School and the Laboratory in Raphoe Royal School more ventilation is required. This deficiency in the former is about being rectified; and to that in the latter I intend calling the attention of the Local Board.

I must further remark that the front of Raphoe Royal School is sadly in need of refreshing, while a couple of the class-rooms also demand attention. The condition of Armagh Royal School Premises is just tolerable, the Head Master having spent considerable sums on their up-keep. They will soon urgently need further looking to however, but I regret to say that, under present circumstances, the finances of the Local Board are scarcely likely to prove equal to the strain. The two new Schools managed by Local Boards—St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, and St. Michael School, Enniskillen—are fine buildings, and well suited to the purpose for which they were erected.

One School, St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny, leaves much to be desired The buildings are unsuitable; the sanitary arrangements are almost painfully primitive; and the school equipment is both poor and scanty To my mind the Teaching Staff are labouring under great difficulties, and the measure of success hitherto attained is highly creditable The Inspector of previous years (Mr. N. D. Murphy) reported in 1901 as follows.—"The Authorities of St Eunan's Seminary have decided to erect new School Premises adjoining the Literary Institute, where the school is at present carried on." I sincerely hope this decision will soon take practical shape, as, under more favourable circumstances, the school should prove a pronounced success and a great boon to the district in which it is situated.

Health.—The health which prevailed in the Schools was uniformly good, with the exception of Portora Royal School. This establishment was particularly unfortunate from Christmas to midsummer; outbreaks of mumps, measles, and scarlatina followed each other in quick succession, with the result that the School Authorities were obliged to anticipate the usual time for summer holidays by a month. It is hard to account for those epidemics, as the drainage has been pronounced good, and the situation of the school, from a health point of view, is one of the best I have visited. Armagh and Dungannon Royal Schools had a few cases of measles, and St. Patrick's College, Armagh, of influenza, but, happily, all the attacks were slight.

Free Places.—The competition was in most cases fairly good, but the standard of excellence reached was not high. All the Head Masters agree that the knowledge of English Grammar displayed by the candidates was very slight, while in most cases a similar complaint was made regarding Mathematics.

Schedule I., Qualified Schools.—I am satisfied that, with one exception, all the Schools have "qualified" under the Scheme. The exception is St Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny, which has failed to give regular instruction in French and Drawing as required by the Schedule. Facilities were afforded for instruction in those subjects, but no pupils presented themselves, and, consequently, no instruction was actually given. This is the first occasion, so far as I know, on which St. Eunan's has failed to qualify, and I would respectfully suggest whether the Commissioners might not exercise the power vested in them of dispensing, for the present year, with the condition in which the School has been found wanting, more especially as I am assured that steps are being taken to comply with the requirements of the Scheme in the future

The matters which call for attention, and to which I have briefly alluded above, will be made the subject of further reference in my detailed Report to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

October 5, 1903.

STANISLAUS MURPHY,
Inspector.

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INSPECTION.

II.

DETAILED REPORTS OF THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S INSPECTOR.

Scheme No. 34.—Ulster Royal Schools Endowments.

I.—*Armagh Protestant Board of Education.*

Judging by the Attendance Roll, the members of this Board take a fair interest in the welfare of the Royal School. I have to point out, however, that only three meetings were held during the year, and that on examination of the records of the Local Board, I was unable to satisfy myself that the requirements of the Scheme as to Free Places had been complied with. I have already called the attention of the Honorary Secretary to those two points. The financial condition of the Board is, I regret to say, at a very low ebb, nor can I see any hope of its immediate improvement.

Armagh Royal School.

The School still maintains the good educational position of the three previous years, which is such a pleasing contrast to the state of affairs on which the Inspector had to report in the years 1897 and 1898. This is all the more creditable in view of the financial difficulties to which I have alluded above. The tone of the School is excellent, and ample facilities are afforded for the physical development of the pupils, both by out-door games and by means of a well-equipped Gymnasium. Some slight attacks of measles were the only cases of ill health experienced during the year. Owing to recent improvements the sanitary arrangements are now very good. The state of the school premises, however, needs looking to. Internally, there are signs of dampness, and the wood-work requires painting. Externally one of the cornices of the main building has given way, and the boundary wall is crumbling in places. Not a very large outlay would be needed for the necessary repairs, and if the Local Board could only tide themselves over their temporary difficulties, there is no reason why Armagh Royal School should not retain its position as one of the leading Secondary Schools in the North of Ireland.

II.—*Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

Few of the Local Boards pay more attention to their duties, under the Scheme, than the Armagh Roman Catholic Board. I note that there were no candidates for the Free Places offered, and it might be well if the Board were to consider the advisability of making those Free Places more attractive.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh.

The results of the Intermediate Examinations were very satisfactory. Eighty-one per cent. of those who competed passed—a record which has only one to beat it among the schools sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments. St. Patrick's College is one of the two schools under the Scheme in which Experimental Science, as understood by "The Department" is not taught The College authorities, having elected to pursue the Classical Course under the Intermediate Board Rules, were allowed to substitute Greek for Experimental Science, as provided for in the schedule to the Amending Scheme. I am glad to say that instruction was regularly given in Natural Philosophy, and that, too, by the aid of experiments. The school premises are in good order, and the recreation grounds are ample. The sanitary arrangements, too, are good, but more attention might be paid to ventilation. The health of the pupils was satisfactory; that ubiquitous visitor, influenza, being the only epidemic which made its appearance during the year.

III.—*Cavan Protestant Board of Education.*

The members of this Board discharge their duties satisfactorily under the Scheme. They failed, however, to hold four stated meetings during the year, the cause of such failure being, as explained to me by the Acting Honorary Secretary, Mr. Allen, that at the time the fourth meeting should have been held, most of the members were from home, and it was impossible to secure a quorum. There was fair competition for the Free Places offered by the Board, but the services of some one unconnected with the School should be secured to conduct the Examinations.

Cavan Royal School.

Judged by the standard of the per-centage of passes to the number who competed at the recent Intermediate Examinations, Cavan Royal School holds the record amongst the schools sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments, its per-centage of passes to competitions being 82. On the other hand it is only fair to the other schools to say that out of 28 on the Intermediate School Roll only 17 were presented for Examination.

The school premises and appliances are in good condition, and I was particularly struck by the order and neatness which everywhere prevailed. The "Playing Fields" have now been definitely secured by the Local Board for the use of the school.

IV.—*Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

The members attend the Board Meetings regularly, and discharge the duties imposed on them by the Scheme.

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St. Patrick's College, Cavan.

I am sorry I am unable to report favourably on the educational efficiency of this School—that is judged by the results of the Intermediate Examinations. Only 35 competed, although there were 59 on the Intermediate School Roll, and out of the 35 competitors only 16 passed—that is 45 per cent. of those who competed, and 27 per cent. of those on the Intermediate School Roll, as compared with 67 per cent. and 34 per cent. respectively last year. The College Staff complained of the very backward state of the pupils who were seeking admission to the College—a complaint which is supported by the result of the Free Place Examinations, and, perhaps, this may in some measure account for the comparative failure of the College. I think it only fair to say, however, that in my opinion, a staff of five is scarcely sufficient to teach adequately a school of seventy-three—more especially in view of the rather taxing claims of Experimental Science—and, as I said in my Report to the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, "under the circumstances the Local Authorities might be well advised in considering the expediency of adding another member to the Teaching Staff." The weak subjects appear to have been Greek and Mathematics.

The school premises are maintained in good condition, the appliances are adequate, and order is well maintained. The health of the pupils is good.

V.—*Donegal Protestant Board of Education.*

The majority of the members of this Board take an active interest in their duties, under the Scheme, and heartily co-operate with the Head Master in advancing the position of the school. Six meetings were held during the year, and the various provisions of the Scheme were duly observed.

Raphoe Royal School.

This School has materially improved its position since last year, its percentage of successes for 1903 being 51 as against 40 for 1902. The School curriculum is very wide, embracing artistic and University subjects as well as the ordinary programme for Intermediate Schools. That the advantages of the School teaching are fully appreciated in the district is found in the fact that many of the day-pupils come very long distances and attend regularly.

With the condition of the School premises I cannot express myself satisfied, and I would call the urgent attention of the Local Board to the following much needed repairs. The front of the School should be refreshed immediately; the windows should be repainted; the two large class-rooms on the ground floor are sadly in need of doing up; while the ceiling and plaster in many places are giving way. The facilities for ventilating the Laboratory should also be increased. Those improvements would not be costly, and they would do much to add to the comfort and brighten the appearance of the School.

VI.—*Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.*—

This Board discharges its duties satisfactorily, but the attendance of some of the members at Board Meetings might be better.

St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny.

This is the one School that has failed to qualify this year. The results of the Intermediate Examinations were eminently satisfactory, but no instruction was given in Drawing, and in either French or German. Such instruction is prescribed as an essential to qualification under the Scheme, and, accordingly, I have to report the failure of St. Eunan's to fulfil the necessary conditions. The attention of the Head Master having been called to the omission, he has promised to have classes duly formed in those subjects next year.

The School premises leave much to be desired. The following is my report thereon to the Commissioners of Education in Ireland:—"The buildings are unsuitable: the sanitary arrangements are almost painfully primitive; and the School equipment is both poor and scanty. To my mind the Teaching Staff are labouring under great difficulties, and the measure of success hitherto attained is highly creditable. The Inspector of previous years (Mr. N. D. Murphy) reported in 1901 as follows:—'The Authorities of St. Eunan's Seminary have decided to erect new School premises adjoining the Literary Institute, where the School is at present carried on.' I sincerely hope this decision will soon take practical shape, as, under more favourable circumstances, the School should prove a pronounced success and a great boon to the district in which it is situated."

VII.—*Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education.*

This Board fully maintains its exemplary character as regards the interest it takes in Portora Royal School, and the manner in which it discharges its duties.

Portora Royal School.

Although a considerable number of Honours were gained by this School, the percentage of passes is only 52 as against 58 last year; and while the Intermediate School Roll numbered 109, only 61 competed at the Intermediate Examinations. This, perhaps, is not a very pronounced success, but when one considers how heavily the School was handicapped through illness during the busiest months of the year, the result may be regarded as satisfactory. I regret to state that successive outbreaks of mumps, measles, and scarlatina disorganised the work of the School between Christmas and Summer. The School

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Authorities are of opinion that the mumps and measles were introduced by day-boys; but for the appearance of scarlatina, it is not so easy to account, more especially as the drainage has been pronounced good, and the situation of the establishment is one of the healthiest I have visited.

Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

The members generally attend to their duties under the Scheme. One gentleman, however, failed to attend any meeting during the year, and it might be well if in future those should be co-opted who would be likely to take an interest in the work of the Board.

St. Macartan's Seminary, Monaghan.

This School still maintains its high reputation as a first-class Intermediate School. Its Intermediate Roll was 58—58 competed and 45 passed. This makes a record amongst the Ulster Schools with which I have to deal, as St. Macartan's stands alone in presenting the full strength of its Intermediate Roll for examination. To my mind, this is the surest test that the educational benefits have been evenly dispensed throughout the School, and I trust the course adopted at St. Macartan's will soon be followed, if not in its entirety, at least in a large measure by the other Schools sharing in the Ulster Royal School Endowments.

The premises are in perfect repair. Order and neatness everywhere prevail.

St. Michael's School, Enniskillen.

This is the second school under the management of the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board, and I am glad to be able to state that in this, its second year of existence, it has qualified under the Scheme, and is accordingly entitled to share in the portion of the endowment at the disposal of the Local Board. With an Intermediate Roll of 21, it presented 15 for Examination, and passed 9. This is not a bad beginning, and I anticipate that St. Michael's School will amply fulfil its mission as a high-class Intermediate School in Enniskillen.

The new school premises are very fine; the rooms are large and airy; and I am sure that in a short time the numbers in attendance will be much larger than at present.

IX.—*Tyrone Protestant Board of Education.*

The poor attendance of some of the members is the only thing which mars the satisfactory discharge of its duties by this Board. Six meetings were held during the year, and while three of the members put in the full measure of attendances, two failed even to attend a single meeting. In future, I think, the Board, when co-opting members, should have regard to this.

Dungannon Royal School.—

The number in attendance at this School is practically the same as last year, while the Intermediate successes show an increase of 3 per cent.. I should be glad, however, to see the number of competitors bear a larger proportion to the number on the Intermediate Roll than it does at present. The competition for the free places offered by the Board was fairly keen, but the Head Master complained of the great weakness of the candidates in certain subjects. This may be an explanation of what I regard as the disparity between the number of competitors and the number on the Intermediate Roll alluded to above.

The Girls' Department is a great success, and at once bears testimony to the judgment of the Local Board, and to the energy of the lady who is immediately responsible for its management. With an Intermediate Roll of 19, 17 competed, and 14 passed. A pleasing feature of this department is the attention which is paid to the physical culture of the pupils.

The School premises generally are in fair order, but I think it would be an advantage if the front of the building were refreshed. The wood-work of the windows also urgently wants looking to. An elaborate Sanitary Annexe has been erected at considerable cost. Its benefits are, however, much marred by the poor water supply. I would call the special attention of the Board to this point.

X.—*Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.*

The Inspector of previous years has had to call attention to the want of interest which some of the members of this Board display in the management of the School under their charge. I have also to comment on this point. As many as three of the members failed to attend a single meeting. Fortunately other members by their energy make up, as far as may be, for the apathy of their colleagues.

St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.

This School has increased its percentage of successes from 68 last year to 75 this year, Further, the number of competitors (48) very nearly coincides with the number on the School Roll (51). This is a healthy sign, which I referred to in the case of St. Macartan's Seminary, Monaghan, and which I should like to see more generally present in the case of the schools with which I have to deal.

The School premises are eminently suitable, but the number in attendance is not all that could be desired. Fifty-one this year takes the place of fifty-eight last year, and even the fifty-eight was a reduction on previous returns. In this connection I am glad to know that the Local Board have good reason to anticipate a much larger attendance in the near future. The Board is generous in the matter of Free Places, which appear to be appreciated.

STANISLAUS MURPHY, Inspector.

October 16, 1903.

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Scheme No. 111.—Preston; Queen's Co., Endowments.

PRESTON SCHOOL, ABBEYLEIX.

The Local Board.—The members of the Local Board who take an interest in their duties are really good workers, but I regret to say that the number of such members is strictly limited. The strength of the Board is fourteen, but of the four meetings held during the year, four members attended one, and only three the remainder. This is far from satisfactory. The debit balance against the Board's Banking Account is a heavy one. I am informed, however, that if the next half-yearly grant from the Commissioners of Education in Ireland be up to the normal, that balance will be practically wiped out. The accounts and minutes of the Local Board are kept in a most admirable manner.

Preston School.

I should be glad to see a larger number of those for whom the School is intended to provide taking advantage of the educational benefits which it is undoubtedly in a position to bestow, and I cannot help thinking that if the members of the Local Board were to interest themselves, each in his own district, in bringing the advantages of the Institution under the notice of parents, a larger attendance would be soon forthcoming. At the end of last term there were twenty-six on the School Roll. Of fifteen on the Intermediate School Roll, nine were presented for examination, and seven passed. The percentage of passes to competitors is very good, but there is a seeming want of proportion between the number of competitors and the number on the Intermediate Roll. The Head Master, however, gave me a satisfactory explanation of this.

A well-equipped laboratory is now one of the attractions of the School, for which the energy of the Local Board in collecting private subscriptions, supplemented by grants from the County Council and the Department, is to be thanked.

With the exception of dampness in one corner of the main building, for which it is hard to account, the premises generally are in good order.

November 16, 1903. STANISLAUS MURPHY, Inspector.

Scheme No. 95.—Leamy Endowments, Limerick.

Leamy Protestant Board.

Under the Scheme this Board is bound to meet once, at least, every three months. A meeting summoned for August 26 last failed for want of a quorum, and an adjourned meeting was held on the 31st of the same month. The Board consists of ten members, but only once did more than three—the number necessary to form a quorum—attend. It is only fair, however, to state that two of the *ex-officio* members—the Archdeacon and the Dean—have been seriously ill for some time past. The provisions of the Scheme were duly observed; the minutes and accounts were well kept.

Leamy High School.

The premises secured by the Protestant Board are very fine, and reflect much credit on those responsible for their selection. The average attendance is forty. English and French struck me as being particularly well taught; but the knowledge displayed in Euclid was not all that could be desired. The curriculum of the School is a wide one, and a class is regularly sent to the Technical School to receive instruction in Natural Science. I was pleased to hear that a Class has also been formed to compete at the Intermediate Examinations of next year. This is a move in the right direction, which should prove a useful stimulus to the pupils, and be a means of increasing the income of the School.

I noticed that only fifteen minutes recreation is allowed in a long day's work. I mentioned this fact to the Lady Principal, but she said that the pupils did not seem to need a longer playtime, nor would the School curriculum well admit it.

Leamy Roman Catholic Board.

The requisite number of meetings were held, and the members attended fairly well. The strength of the Board is seven; four meetings were held. Five members attended two of those meetings, and four the other two. This is a fair record. The accounts have been duly kept and audited.

Leamy National School.

The number on the roll is 448; the average attendance is 343. This return shows a slight decrease on previous years, but in a large city like Limerick such fluctuations are inevitable. The Report of the National Board Inspector was, I am glad to say, "excellent." An elementary night school, under the National Board, has been established. The number on the roll is 94, but the average attendance is only 39·5. Notwithstanding the low average attendance, however, such an institution must be productive of much good.

The School building is, of course, pretty ancient, but it is in fairly good repair. The matter of ventilation referred to in previous reports has received the attention of the Local Board, and is much improved, although I cannot say that enough has yet been done in that direction. Some of the class-room walls are very much discoloured, and require refreshing. The sanitary arrangements are good.

November 25, 1903. STANISLAUS MURPHY, Inspector.

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APPENDIX D.

REPORTS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

I.—Armagh Protestant Board of Education.

The Armagh Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following as their Report for the year ending August 1st, 1903.

The members of the Board during the year have been—

Representing the Armagh Diocesan Synod:—

0. His Grace the Lord Primate.
2. The Very Rev. the Dean of Armagh.
2. The Venerable the Archdeacon of Armagh.
2. J. H. Gray, Esq.
3. Sir James H. Stronge, Bart.

Representing the General Assembly:—

2. The Rev. David Miller.
2. The Rev. H. W. Morrow.
2. R. G. M'Crum, Esq.

Representing the Methodist Conference:—

0. Joshua E. Peel, Esq.

The numbers prefixed to the names of the members show the numbers of their attendances at meetings of the Board.

Meetings have been held on November 15th, 1902, on March 17th, 1903, and on July 29th, 1903.

On November 15th Sir James Stronge was re-elected our representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

On March 17th the Lord Primate was re-elected our Chairman, the Rev. David Miller our Vice-Chairman, and Sir James Stronge our Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Peel, Mr. J. H. Gray and Sir James Stronge were elected members of the Estates Committee.

The Armagh Royal School has been very efficiently maintained during the year 1902–1903.

The following have been the teaching staff:—

A. C. MacDonnell, M.A., Head Master.
T. E. Lownds, M.A.
E. C. Illingworth, B.A.
R. A. Roberts, B.A.
E. H. Lownds.

A list of twenty boys who, among others, have received instructions in the subjects prescribed by the Scheme, and have made 100 attendances during the year, was forwarded as usual to the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector.

Forty entered for the Intermediate Examination. The following passed:—

Aldwell.	Malone.
Leeman.	Proctis.
Moore.	Heron.
Moore,	Sandford.
Bradshaw.	Moore.
Watson.	Heron.
Peel.	Erskine.
M'Ilwaine, sen.	Edwards.
M'Ilwaine, jun.	Haldane.
Gray, sen.	Tullerton.
Gray, jun.	Whitsitt.
Fetherstonhaugh.	Stuart.
Badham.	

The number of Boarders during the Summer Term was 38, and the number of Day Pupils 39.

We have again to report that no candidates entered for the Free Place Examinations.

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This is the second year during which our Board has received nothing from the Commissioners of Education, and we have consequently been obliged to throw the whole burden of maintaining this old Public School upon the Head Master. Our principal expenditure has been—New Laboratory, £237 18*s.* 9*d.*, and Sanitary Improvements £59 5*s.*

During the year an appeal was made to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, setting out the claim of the School to assistance from His Majesty's Government in consequence of the disproportion of the annuities charged on the Endowment by the Scheme to the present amount of that Endowment. The Chief Secretary, however, failed to obtain the consent of His Majesty's Treasury to any assistance being given to the School.

The Board has succeeded in obtaining a refund of Income Tax paid on the School premises; but the refund did not take place during the period which is the subject of this report.

The Board, having no funds in hands, were unable to pay the rates due on the School premises, and we regret to state that they had no course open to them but to allow them to be imposed on the Head Master.

The Board has received some assistance from the Department of Technical Education by way of Results Fees; but notwithstanding this, its account at the Bank is considerably overdrawn, and the members of the Board are personally liable for this overdraft.

We hope that by a sale of the School Estates under the Irish Land Act, 1903, or in some other way, a remedy may be found for the financial difficulty which is caused by the heavy pressure of temporary charges on the resources which should be at the disposal of our Board, for we feel that it would be nothing short of a public scandal if (at a time when Intermediate Education is so much required) the improvident manner in which Parliament has encumbered our Estates, should compel us to close one of the few old public schools of the country.

An abstract of the accounts last audited by the Local Government Board is appended.

JOSHUA E. PEEL,
Chairman of Meeting.

ACCOUNT of the ARMAGH PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year ending 31st December, 1902.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	2 14 7	By Maintenance of Premises,	302 1 7	
Amount of Results Fees from Board of Technical Education,	101 17 8	„ Auditor's Fee,	1 1 0	
„ Amount of Dividends,	1 10 4	„ Prize,	1 10 0	
			304 12 7	304 12 7
„ Overdraft at Bank,	200 3 11	„ Hon. Secretary's postage,	0 5 0	
		„ Interest on Overdraft,	0 14 11	
			0 19 11	0 19 11
		In Accounting Officer's hands,		305 12 6 0 14 0
Total,	£306 6 6	Total,		306 6 6

I certify that the foregoing account is correct,

11th day of April, 1903.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

N.B.—Beside the above there are sums standing to the credit of this Account in the following securities:—2¾ per Cent. Consolidated Stock, £55 7*s.* 8*d.*; Post Office Savings Bank, £13 12*s.* 11*d.*

We certify that the above is a true account,

[Seal.] D. MILLER, *Governor.*

JAMES H. STRONGE, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated 17th day of March, 1903.

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II.—Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

The Armagh Roman Catholic Board of Education beg to submit the following as their report for the year ending August 1st, 1903.

Four meetings of the Board were held in St. Patrick's College during the year.

The following tabulated form gives the names of the present members of the Board, with the attendance of each member at the meetings during the above period:—

—	Sep 22, 1902.	Nov 13, 19 2.	Jan 21, 1903.	June 10, 1903.	Total.
His Eminence Cardinal Logue,	1	-	-	1	2
Very Rev. Canon Coyne,	1	1	1	-	3
Very Rev. Canon M'Geeney,	1	1	1	-	3
Very Rev. Canon M'Oscar,	-	1	1	1	3
Rev. M. B. M'Conville,	-	1	1	1	3
Wm. Kerr, Esq., M.D., J.P.,	1	-	1	-	2
A. Donnelly, Esq.,	-	1	-	1	2
H. J. M'Kee, Esq.,	-	1	1	-	2
Patrick Lavery, Esq.,	1	1	1	1	4

His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Messrs. Wm. Kerr, M.D., J.P., and Patrick Lavery were unanimously elected as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Honorary Secretary, respectively, for the year 1903.

Very Rev. Canon Coyne was elected as our Representative on the Board of the Commissioners of Education.

The Hibernian Bank, Armagh, continues to fill the position of Treasurer to the Board.

Very Rev. Canon Coyne, Messrs. Wm. Kerr, M.D., J.P., and Patrick Lavery were re-elected Catholic members of the Estates Committee.

St. Patrick's College, Armagh, is the only School adopted by the Board.

The School Committee, appointed in accordance with section 47 of the Scheme, consists of His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Very Rev. M. Carrigy, C.M., President, St. Patrick's College, Armagh, Rev. Thomas Gavin, C.M., Rev. J. Downey, C.M., and Rev. O'Connell, C.M., Professors, St. Patrick's College, Armagh.

An examination for Free Places was advertised to be held on 12th August, 1902, in conformity with section 59 of the Scheme. No candidates presented themselves for examination.

Very Rev. Michael Carrigy, C.M., Rev. Thomas Gavin, C.M., Rev. J. Downey, C.M., Rev.—. O'Connell, C.M., and Thomas Savage, Esq., constitute the teaching staff.

The subjects of instruction given in the School are:—Latin, Greek, English, French, Algebra, Arithmetic, Euclid, History, Geography, Physical Geography, Natural Philosophy, Book-keeping, Elocution, Drawing, and Music.

The subjects of instruction for each class are determined by the Programme of the Intermediate Board for each year.

In the year ended 1st August, 1903, there were 31 pupils in the School, of whom 7 were Middle Grade, 17 were Junior Grade, 4 were Preparatory Grade, and 3 were Elementary pupils.

The following is a list of 20 boys who (with others) have received instruction in the prescribed subjects, and have made over 100 attendances during the past twelve months:—

No.	Name.	No.	Name.	No.	Name.	No.	Name.
1	E. Fitzpatrick.	6	T. Feely.	11	P. Mulligan.	16	G. Willis.
2	J. Rogers.	7	J. M'Cann.	12	W. Mullins.	17	I Canning
3	W. Short.	8	W. M'Mahon	13	J. Brannigan.	18	T. Montague.
4	J. Conlon.	9	H. M'Oscar.	14	J. Hoey.	19	P. M'Donnell.
5	J. Eccleston.	10	P. Mathews	15	J. Ward.	20	L. Walsh.

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The following passed the Intermediate Examination; their official examination numbers are prefixed to their names:—

Middle Grade,	5,617	J. Branigan.
"	5,618	J. Hoey.
"	5,619	J. Ward.
"	5,620	G. Willis.
Junior Grade,	2,550	J. Conlon.
"	2,551	J. Eccleston.
"	2,552	T. Feely.
Junior Grade,	2,554	H. Moscar.
"	2,556	P. Mathews.
"	2,557	P. Mulligan.
"	2,558	W. Mullins.
Preparatory Grade,	42	E. Fitzpatrick.
" "	44	W. Short.

All the accounts of the Board up to 31st December, 1902, have been submitted to the Local Government Board, and duly audited by J. F. Mayne, Esq., Local Government Board Auditor. A correct copy of the last audited account accompanies this report.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1903, and sealed with the Common Seal of the Board.

✠ Michael Card. Logue,
Chairman.

Patrick Lavery,
Honorary Secretary.

The Account of Armagh Roman Catholic Local Board of Education for the Year ended 31st December, 1902.

Dr. *Cr.*

Charge.		£ s. d.	Discharge.		£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,		419 10 8½	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—		
" Amount received from Commissioners of Education,	£23 10 0		Salaries—Cheques to Hon Sec to pay salary of Mr. Savage, Professor of English, &c.,	£150 0 0	
" Amount received from Commissioners of Education,	200 0 0		Maintenance of Resident Staff,	150 0 0	
" Amount of Interest which accrued on Balance in Hibernian Bank and added to current account,	7 15 0		Half-year's salary of Irish Professor,	5 0 0	
" Amount now in Accounting Officer's hands,	42 7 9½	273 12 9½	Educational Expenses,	42 12 8	
			Prizes,	10 0 0	357 12 8
			Other Payments, viz.:—		
			1902—Nov. 19—By Cheque to J. F. Mayne, Esq., for auditing accounts for 1901,	2 2 0	2 2 0
			Amount in Accounting Officer's hands at last year's balance since disbursed by him,		43 17 7½
			Total Payment,	£	403 12 3½
			Balance, per Bank Book,	£247 3 5	
			" in Accounting Officer's hands,	42 7 9½	
			Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1902,		289 11 2½
Total,		£693 3 6	Total,	£	693 3 6

We certify that the above is a true account.

[Seal.] ✠ Michael Card. Logue, *Governor.*

Patrick Lavery, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 10th day of June, 1903.

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III.—Cavan Protestant Board of Education.

The Cavan Protestant Local Board of Education beg to submit the following report for the year ending 1st August, 1903.

The Members of the Board remain the same as previous year.

The Honorary Officers are :—

The Lord Bishop of Kilmore, *Chairman.*
Rev. W. M'Dowell, M.A., *Vice-Chairman.*
Rev. W. C. M'Causland, M.A., *Hon. Secretary.*

The Cavan Royal School continues to maintain the position it holds as an Educational Establishment.

During the past year seventeen pupils competed at the Intermediate Examinations of which fourteen passed, gaining Greek Composition Prizes in Senior and Middle Grades, also Book Prizes in these Grades and retaining Exhibitions.

The following were successful :—

SENIOR GRADE.

Burnett, W. G. E., Retained Exhibition Greek Composition Prize Book Prize.
Stewart, J., . Retained Exhibition Book Prize.

MIDDLE GRADE.

Ensor, F. O., . Greek Composition Prize Book Prize.

JUNIOR GRADE.

Johnston, J. F.
Long, T. W.
Lowe, T. W.
M'Combe, W. I.
Pratt, J. R.
Thompson, R. H.

PREPARATORY GRADE.

Coulter, John.
Hampton, H. V.
Moore, J. W.
Morrow, R. E.
Roundtree, J.

Five Candidates competed for the Free Scholarships offered by the Board. The answering was good and three boys were elected.

The Science Laboratory has been completed and is now in full working order This adds considerably to the efficiency of the school.

The School has been practically free from sickness for a considerable time, which is no doubt due to its healthy position and its perfect sanitation.

Quarterly Meetings of the Board were held on 24th November, 1902, 23rd February, 1903, and 17th July, 1903.

The Meeting for May 1903 would have been summoned but for the absence of several members of the Board and a quorum could not be had.

A. Traill, Esq., S.F.T.C.D., was re-elected Commissioner at the November Meeting of the Board.

Dated this 1st March, 1904.

RICHARD ALLEN, *Acting Hon. Secretary, and one of the Members of the Board.*

The ACCOUNT of the CAVAN PROTESTANT LOCAL BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1903.

Dr. — *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments, .	113 10 0	By Debit Balance on 31st December, 1902, . . .		256 11 1
„ Rents of Play Fields from J. H. Hampton, . .	10 0 7	„ Amounts of Payments under the following heads.—	£ s. d.	
„ Grant received from County Council towards Laboratory, ...	150 0 0	Rent and Taxes, &c., . .	16 1 8	
		Salaries, . . .	100 0 0	
		Educational Expenses, . .	216 3 5	334 5 1
		„ Other Payments :—		
		Insurance, ...	2 2 6	
		Interest paid Bank on overdraft,	5 9 5	
		Do. do.,	8 12 0	16 3 11
Debit Balance on 31st December, 1903, . .	333 9 6	Total Payment, . . .		607 0 1
Total, ...	£607 0 1	Total, ...		607 0 1

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] RICHARD ALLEN, *Accounting Officer. Acting Hon. Sec.*

Dated this 24th day of February, 1904.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

W. F. GILL, *Auditor, Agent, Bank of Ireland, Cavan.*

24th day of February, 1904.

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IV.—Cavan Roman Catholic Board of Education.

REPORT of the CAVAN ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the Year ending 31st December, 1903.

The Board.—The members of the Board are:—The Most Rev. Dr. M'Gennis, Lord Bishop of Kilmore, Chairman; Frederick Smith, Esq., M.D., Vice-Chairman; Very Rev. Patrick Lynch, P.P., V.F.; Very Rev. Thomas Clarke, P.P., V.F.; Rev. Patrick Clarke, P.P.; Rev. Hugh Brady, P.P., Hon. Sec.; Philip Cahill, Esq. J.P.; John M'Cabe, Esq., M.D.; Louis Smith, Esq.
The quarterly meetings were duly held.

Examinations.—The examination for free places was held on the 1st July. Two candidates presented themselves, but one was disqualified for non-compliance with the requisite conditions. A free place was awarded to the other. The Rev. Hugh Brady, P.P., acted as Examiner.

St. Patrick's College.—The number of students on the roll at the end of the year is seventy-three, of whom forty-seven are Boarders and the remainder Day Students. Eighteen Students passed at the Intermediate Examinations.

Commissioner.—His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, was re-elected Commissioner at a meeting held on the 29th December, 1902.

✠ EDWARD M'GENNIS, Bishop of Kilmore.

29th December, 1903. HUGH BRADY.

ACCOUNT of the CAVAN ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1903.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,		4 14 3	By Salaries,	160 0 0	
" Cash from Commissioners,	180 14 8		" Educational Expenses,	20 0 0	
" Interest on Account in Ulster Bank,	1 5 11				180 0 0
		182 0 7	" Cost of Audit,	1 1 0	
			" Cost of Advertising Free Places,	1 3 0	
					2 4 0
			Total Payment,	—	182 4 0
			Balance per Bank Book,	4 10 10	
			Balance in Accounting Officer's hands,	4 10 10	
			Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1903,	4 10 10	
Total,		£186 14 10	Total,	—	£186 14 10

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] ✠ EDWARD M'GENNIS, *Governor.*

Dated this 16th day of January, 1904. HUGH BRADY, *Accounting Officer.*

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

13th day of February, 1904. J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

V.—Donegal Protestant Board of Education.

The Donegal Protestant Board of Education beg to submit the following Report for the year ended 31st July, 1903:—

Constitution of the Board.—Elected Members:—Rev. Robert M'Morris, D.D., Chairman; Captain Stoney, D.L.; Vice-Chairman; Rev. A. G. Lecky, B.A.; Rev. Robert Miller, B.A.; Rev. Samuel Meek, B.A.; Rev. William Scott, B.A.; Messrs. Robert Carson Wilson; Thomas Hamilton, J.P., Hon. Sec.

Co-opted Members:—Rev. James Craig Wallace, B.A.; Rev. Canon Thompson; Messrs. John S. Weir, J.P.; David Wilson, B.A.; John Herdman, D.L.

Meetings.—The Board held four stated, and two special meetings during the year. A statement of the attendance of members is sent herewith. The Board regret to report the death of one of their members, John Herdman, D.L., who, though unable, owing to declining health, to attend their meetings, took a warm interest in the Raphoe Royal School.

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Raphoe Royal School.—The number of pupils in attendance at the Raphoe Royal School for the past year was 61, of whom 29 were Boarders. The teaching staff was as follows:—Head Master, Philander J. Bain, Esq.; Classical Master, Mr. Andrew Gibson, B.A.; Mathematical Master, Mr. R. W. Ebbitt, B.A.; Girls' School Miss M'Fetridge and Miss Watson; Drawing Master, Mr. Kerr, School of Art, Derry. Forty-two pupils were entered for the Intermediate Examinations, 1903. Seven pupils have passed the recent Matriculation Examination of the Royal University.

Income, &c.—A copy of the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1902, is enclosed herewith.

Free Places.—Rev. A. G. Lecky, B.A., and Rev. Robert Miller, B.A., held an examination of candidates for Free Places on 20th August, 1903. On consultation with the Head Master they admitted four pupils to the Royal School for two years.

Adopted at a meeting of the Board, held 7th August, 1903.

(Signed), WM. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

THE DONEGAL PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION—Attendance of Members for the year ending 31st July, 1903.

Names.	Aug. 1.	Nov. 7.	Dec. 19.	Jan. 9.	Feb. 6.	May 1.	Total.
Rev. Robert M'Morris, D.D.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Captain Stoney, D.L.,	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Ven. Archdeacon Molloy,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rev. A. G. Lecky, B.A.,	-	1	1	1	1	1	5
Rev. Robert Miller, B.A.,	-	1	1	1	-	-	3
Rev. Samuel Meek, B.A.,	1	-	1	1	1	-	4
Rev. William Scott, B.A.,	-	1	-	1	-	1	3
Mr. Robert C. Wilson,	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Mr. Thomas Hamilton, J.P.,	1	1	1		1	1	3
Rev. James Craig Wallace, B.A.,	1	-	1	-	1	1	4
Rev. Canon Thompson,	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
Mr. John S. Weir, J.P.,	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Mr. David Wilson, B.A.,	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
Mr. John Herdman, D.L.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The ACCOUNT of the DONEGAL PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1902.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Amounts received during the period in respect of Endowments,	231 3 11	By Balance due Northern Bank, 31st December, 1901,		51 11 6
" Rents,	25 15 0	" " Hon. Secretary, " "		1 4 0
" Balance due Northern Bank, 31st December, 1902,	30 6 6	Maintenance of Premises,	£ s. d. 220 6 6	
		Taxes, &c.,	16 6 6	
		Salaries,	91 17 7	328 9 6
		Other payments, viz.:—		
		Advertising,	1 11 10	
		Insurance,	3 4 6	
		Audit Fee, 1900,	1 1 0	
		Postages, Cheque Books, &c.,	1 2 10	3 0 6
		Total Payment,	£	387 6 5
Total, £	387 5 5	Total, £		387 6 6

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] T. B. STONEY, *Chairman.*
THOS. HAMILTON, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated 19th day of February, 1903.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

10th day of April, 1903.

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VI.—Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education.

ANNUAL REPORT for year ended 31st July, 1903.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour of submitting to you the proceedings of the Donegal Roman Catholic Board of Education, for year ended 31st July, 1903.

The Board, as at present constituted, consists of the following members:—The Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Chairman; Joseph M'Loone, Esq., J.P., Vice-Chairman; Right Rev. Monsignor M'Fadden, V.G., Treasurer; Right Rev. Monsignor M'Glynn, P.P., V.G., Hon. Secretary; Rev. John Doherty, P.P.; Rev. D. Stephens, Administrator; Hugh M'Devitt, Esq., J.P.; E. M'Fadden, Esq., M.P., and James Boyle, Esq., Solicitor.

The members of the Estates Committee are the same as last year; and there is no change in the constitution of the School Committee. The Very Rev. Dean M'Ginley continues to act as the Commissioner representing our Board at the meetings of the Commissioners of Education.

The amount received from the Commissioners during this year was £103.

A refund of £12 8*s.* 8*d.* Income Tax for past three years, was paid to our Board by Inland Revenue Department.

During the year four meetings were held, and a list of the attendances of Members at the meetings is herewith enclosed.

A list of twenty pupils within the prescribed ages, who made not less than one hundred attendances on separate days during the School year was sent by our Secretary to the proper quarter, as well as answers to queries contained in Forms No. 3a and 4a.

Advertisements appeared in the Press regarding Free Places and the Examinations that were to be held for them. The District Inspector of National Schools conducted the examination on the 28th August, 1902, and one Free Place was awarded, there being only one candidate qualified.

This Report was read and adopted at a meeting held in Letterkenny, on the 23rd September, 1903.

(Signed),

✠PATRICK O'DONNELL, *Chairman.*

CHARLES M'GLYNN, P.P., V.G., *Hon. Secretary.*

Letterkenny, 23rd September, 1903.

Dates and Places of Meetings of the DONEGAL ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION for the year ended 31st July, 1903, with Table showing the Attendances of each Member.

—	L'kenny. 23 Sept., 1902.	L'kenny. 17 Feb., 1903.	Donegal. 14 May, 1903.	L'kenny. 6 July, 1903.	Total.
Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell,	1	1	1	-	3
Right Rev. Monsignor M'Fadden,	-	-	1	1	2
Right Rev. Monsignor M'Glynn,	1	1	1	1	4
Very Rev. John Doherty, P.P.,	1	1	-	1	3
Rev. Daniel Stephens, Adm.,	1	-	-	1	2
Joseph M'Loone, Esq., J.P.,	-	-	1	-	1
Hugh M'Devitt, Esq., J.P.,	-	-	-	-	-
Edward M'Fadden, Esq., M.P.,	1	-	-	-	1
James Boyle, Esq., Sol.,	-	1	-	-	1
Total at each meeting.	5	4	4	4	5

(Signed), CHARLES M'GLYNN, P.P., V.G., *Hon. Secretary,*

7th September 1903.

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The ACCOUNT of the DONEGAL ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1902.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	1 2 9	By Amount of Payment made in the year ended 31st December, 1902, under the following headings—	
Amount of Donations received in the year ended 31st December, 1902,	103 0 0	Salaries, £ 95 s. 0 d. 0; Educational Expenses, 5 0 0	100 0 0
		Total Payment, £	100 0 0
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1902,	4 2 9
Total,	104 2 9	Total,	104 2 9

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] ✠PATRICK O'DONNELL, *Governor.*

CHARLES M'GLYNN, P.P., *Hon. Sec., Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 23rd day of September, 1903.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

7th day of October, 1903.

VII.—Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education.

Report for year ended August 1, 1903.

The Board reports that it held four meetings during the year, and that the attendance of members was as under:—

—	Meetings.	—	Meetings.
Right Rev. Dr. Stack (Late Lord Bishop of Clogher), Chairman by Deputy.	2	Dr. O. Ternan,	4
Right Rev. Dr. D'Arcy, Lord Bishop of Clogher, Chairman I, and by Deputy I	2	Rev. Robert Boyle,	1
Rev. Canon Ovenden, D.D., Vice-Chairman,	3	Rev. D. J. Boyle,	3
William R. Cooney, Esq., J.P.,	4	Andrew Stuart, Esq.,	2
Edward Archdale, Esq., D.L.,	2	S. B. Humphreys, Esq., J.P.,	2
William Teele, Esq., J.P.,	2		

In addition to above Meetings the School Committee met on five occasions.

The Governors have pleasure to report that Portora Royal School continues to flourish under Dr. Biggs and his efficient Teaching Staff—the attendance of pupils being almost the same as last year. Mr. Geoghegan, B.A., one of the Junior Masters, resigned during the year, and his work has been divided among other members of the Staff.

The Governors have in hands an enlargement of the Laboratory to meet the requirements of the Technical Education Department.

Thirty-two of the School's Candidates at the Intermediate Examinations passed in 1903, and of these 4 gained Exhibitions, and 2 Book Prizes. The Head Master believes that even more satisfactory results would have been attained but for the epidemics that unfortunately occurred in the School, and disorganized class work for several months prior to the Examination.

One new free boy was elected in September, 1902, and 2 others got their period of free Education extended.

The Inland Revenue authorities having admitted the justice of the Governors' claim for a refund of Income Tax on the Endowment and School Premises for last twelve years, have re-paid £159 3*s.* 8*d.*, and have promised a further considerable sum when the exact amount due can be ascertained by them. They have also decided not to charge the Governors Income Tax in future on the Premises.

The Board has consequently been enabled to reduce the debt on the School Premises here by £250.

Signed and sealed at a meeting of the Board held at Enniskillen this 2nd November, 1903

O. TERNAN, *Acting Chairman.*

A. STUART, *Other Member.*

W. R. COONEY, *Other Member.*

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The ACCOUNT of the FERMANAGH PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1902.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	29 3 3	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—		
„ Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments,	450 17 9	Maintenance of Premises, &c.,	94 4 9	
„ Rents,	95 13 0	Rents and Taxes, &c.,	27 19 0	
„ Fees,	827 13 4	Salaries,	1,178 15 3	
		Prizes,	10 0 0	1,310 19 0
„ Miscellaneous Receipts, viz:—		Other Payments, viz:—		
		Petty Cash Expenses,	5 16 9	5 16 9
Ulster Bank (Limited) Interest on Account Current, £ 3 s. 16 d. 2	3 16 2	Total Payment,	—	1,316 15 9
		Balance per Bank Book, £ 89 s. 15 d. 9		
		Do. in Accounting Officer's hands, 0 12 0	90 7 9	
		Deduct unpaid Drafts,		
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1902,	—	90 7 9
Total,	1,407 3 6	Total,	—	1,407 3 6

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.]

CHARLES T. OVENDEN, *Governor.*
S. C. MITCHEL, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 30th day of January, 1903.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

9th day of February, 1903.

VIII. Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education.

Report for year ended 1st August, 1903.

Members of the Board:—Most Rev. Richard Owens, D.D., Lord Bishop of Clogher, Chairman; Right Rev. Monsignor Smollen, P.P., V.G., Vice-Chairman; Very Rev. Monsignor Meegan, P.P.; Very Rev. Canon O'Neill, P.P.; Very Rev. Canon Smyth, P.P.; Hugh R. Lindsay, Esq., J.P.; Patrick Crumley, Esq., J.P.; Patrick Rafferty, Esq. J.P.; Denis Carolan Rushe, Esq., B.A., Honorary Secretary.

The following meetings were held:—

1st Meeting (Ordinary), 16th September, 1902, held at the Presbytery, Enniskillen.
2nd „ (Special), 22nd October, 1902, held at St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.
3rd „ (Ordinary), 8th December, 1902, held at the Presbytery, Enniskillen.
4th „ (Ordinary), 12th March, 1903, held at St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan.
5th „ (Ordinary), 18th June, 1903, held at Presentation Schools, Enniskillen.

The fifth meeting was adjourned till 20th June.

Table showing the Attendances of each Member of the Board:—

Members.	Number of Attendances.	Members.	Number of Attendances
Most Rev. Richard Owens D.D., (Chairman),	2	Patrick Rafferty, Esq., J.P.,	–
Right Rev. Monsignor Smollen (Vice-Chairman).	4	Hugh R. Lindsay, Esq., J.P.,	4
Very Rev. P. Monsignor Meegan,	1	Patrick Crumley, Esq., J.P.,	3
Very Rev. L. J. Canon O'Neill,	4	Denis Carolan Rushe, Esq., B.A. (Hon. Sec.),	2
Very Rev. P. Canon Smyth,	3		

The Annual Competitive Examination for Free Places in St. Macarten's Seminary was held in June, 1903. Nine candidates were present. Three Free Places, value respectively £15, £10, £10, were awarded.

The number of students on the Roll of St. Macarten's Seminary for 1903 was sixty-four. Fifty-eight were presented at the Intermediate Examinations: of these forty-five passed.

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The following is the detailed Result:

Senior Grade:	Matthew Lardner,	Exhibition.
	Patrick A. Woods,	Retained Exhibition and Book Prize.
Middle Grade:	Thomas M'Kinney,	Exhibition.
	Thomas Duffy,	Exhibition.
	Richard M'Manus,	Book Prize.
Junior Grade:	Robert Davis,	Exhibition.
	John Nolan,	Exhibition.
	James Nolan,	Exhibition.
	William Davis,	Exhibition.
	Charles Bryson,	Exhibition.
	James Timmins,	Book Prize.
	Patrick M'Keon,	Book Prize.

Twenty students passed with Honours.

A correct copy of the last audited Account for the year ended 31st December, 1902, accompanies this Report.

Adopted at a Meeting of the Board held in St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan, on the 24th September, 1903.

Signed, ✠ R. Owens, *Chairman.*

Denis Carolan Rushe, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Account of the Fermanagh Roman Catholic Board of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1902.

Dr. — *Cr.*

Charge.	£ s. d.	Discharge	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	276 2 2	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—		
Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments,	798 13 4	Salaries,	529 10 0	
Dividends (Interest), allowed on account	9 17 6	Maintenance of Resident Staff,	150 0 0	
		Educational Expenses,	204 19 0	
		Prizes,	70 8 1	
		Other Payments, viz.—	—	900 17 1
		Audit Fee,	3 3 0	
		Stationery, Postage, &c.,	0 14 6	
		Cheque Book,	0 2 1	
				3 19 7
		Total Payment,	—	964 16 8
		Balance, per Bank Book,	120 1 4	
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1902,	—	120 1 4
Total,	£ 1,084 18 0	Total, £	—	1,084 18 0

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] L. J. O'Neill, *Chairman.*

Dated this 12th day of March, 1903. D. Carolan Rushe, *Hon. Secretary.*

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

24th day of April, 1903. J. F. Mayne, *Auditor.*

IX.—Tyrone Protestant Board of Education.

Royal School, Dungannon,
18th October, 1903.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Tyrone Protestant Board of Education have the honour to submit the following Report of their proceedings for the year ending July 31st, 1903.

The constitution of the Board remains unchanged.

Six meetings have been held during the year.

The buildings have been maintained in good order, and a new sanitary annexe has been added to the Boys' School.

Nine candidates entered for the Free Place Examination. This is the largest number for many years.

We have the honour to be,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed), George H. Burgess, *Chairman.*

John W. Leebody, *Hon. Secretary.*

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ROYAL SCHOOL, DUNGANNON.—INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION, 1903.

EXHIBITIONS.

Senior Grade—
Wright, S. H.—Classical Exhibition, £40.
Harper, V. M.—Mathematical Exhibition, £50.

Middle Grade—
Johnston, W.—Classical Exhibition, £30.
M'Kew, J.—Mathematical Exhibition, £25.
Hamilton, J. O.—Experimental Science, £25.

Junior Grade—
Abbott, H. H. B.—Mathematical Exhibition, £20.

PRIZES.

Middle Grade—
Watson, J. E.—Book Prize, £3.
Greek Composition Prize, £3.

HIGH PLACES.

Senior Grade—
Harper, V.—Second Place in Mathematics.
Second Place in Algebra and Arithmetic.
Second Place in Geometry.
Fourth Place in Trigonometry.
First Place in Introductory Physics.
Wright, S. H.—Equal *First Place* in History and Geography.
Third Place in Greek.

Middle Grade—
Johnston, W.—Third Place in Classics.
Second Place in Algebra.
Third Place in Greek.

Preparatory Grade—
Knight, L. C.—*First Place* in French.
First Place in German.

Eleven passed with Honours. Twenty-four passed.

The ACCOUNT of TYRONE PROTESTANT BOARD of EDUCATION for the year ended 31st December, 1902.

Dr. *Cr.*

CHARGE.	£ s. d.	DISCHARGE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account,	140 11 6	By Amounts of Payments under the following headings:—		
„ Amounts received during the period in respect of Donations, Bequests, or other Endowments,	711 2 0	Maintenance of Premises, &c.,	£ s. d. 316 15 7	
„ Dividends,	23 3 11	Rents and Taxes,	85 0 1	
„ Realised by Sales,	1 0 0	Salaries	300 0 0	
Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—		Educational Expenses,	191 13 9	
„ Refund of Income Tax, £ s. d. 71 3 7	71 3 7	Prizes,	11 0 0	904 9 5
		Other Payments, viz.:—		
		Grants in aid of Athletic Club, Vouchers No. 5 and 34,	20 0 0	
		Auditor's Fee (2 years), Voucher No. 15.	5 5 0	25 5 0
		Total Payment,		929 14 5
		Balance, per Bank Book,	£ s. d. 17 6 7	—
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1902,		17 6 7
Total,	947 1 0	Total,		947 1 0

N.B.—Beside the above balance there are sums standing to the credit of this Account in the following Securities:—Consols, £600.

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] JAMES DICKSON, *Governor.*
JOHN W. LEEBODY, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 14th day of September, 1903.

I certify that the foregoing Account is correct.

J. F. MAYNE, *Auditor.*

2nd day of October, 1903.

X. Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education.

REPORT for the Year ended 1st August, 1903.

The number of pupils in attendance at St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, was not so large as in previous years; but the number of Passes at the Intermediate Examinations of 1903, exceeded that of any previous year; being 22 Boys and 14 Girls,

The Free Places Examination, under Section 59 of the Scheme, was well attended by competitors: the questions and Examination Papers were set by W. H. Dowling, Esq., Professor of Science, and four Boys and three Girls were awarded Free Places.

A list of the meetings of the Board, giving the names of the Members with their attendances at each meeting, is appended.

A copy of the Abstract of the Audited Account, for the Calendar year 1902, is herewith enclosed.

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Chairman.—Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne, P.P., V.G., Dungannon, Dean of Armagh.
Vice-Chairman.—Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, P.P., V.F., Cookstown.
Honorary Secretary.—Henry Tohall, J.P., Moy, Co. Tyrone.
Treasurer.—Provincial Bank, Dungannon.
Commissioner of Education elected.—Right Rev. Monsignor Byrne.
Estate Committee.—Canon Rice, W. J. Reynolds, Esq., Henry Tohall, J.P.
School Committee.—Dean Byrne, Canon Rice, Canon M'Cartan, W. J. Reynolds, Esq., H. Tohall.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1903.

[Seal.] (Signed), P. J. Byrne, *Chairman.*
Henry Tohall, *Hon. Sec.*

The Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

Meetings held during the School Year, ended 1st August, 1903.

Names of the Members.	Meeting, 11th Sept., 1902	Meeting, 18th Dec., 1902.	Meeting, 19th March, 1903.	Meeting, 19th June, 1903.	Number of Attendances.
1. Most Rev. John K. O'Doherty, D.D., Lord Bishop of Derry.	–	–	–	–	–
2. Right Rev Monsignor Peter James Byrne, P.P., V.G., Dean of Armagh, Dungannon,	1	1	1	1	4
3. Right Rev. Monsignor M'Namee, P.P., V.F., Omagh, .	–	–	–	–	–
4. Very Rev. Thomas Canon Rice, P.P., V.F., Cookstown.	1	1	1	1	4
5. Very Rev John Joseph Canon M'Cartan, P.P., Donaghmore, County Tyrone.	–	1	–	–	1
6 Wm. James Reynolds, Esq., Solicitor, Dungannon, .	–	–	–	1	1
7 John Maguire, Esq., J.P., Drumbawey House, Irvinestown,	–	–	–	–	–
8. Daniel Hackett, Esq., Omagh, ...	–	–	–	–	–
9. Henry Tohall, J.P., Moy, ...	1	1	1	1	4
Number of Members at each Meeting, .	3	4	3	4	—

NOTE.—That Monsignor M'Namee, Canon M'Cartan, and Messrs. Reynolds, Maguire, and Hackett have been co-opted since the end of above School Year

The Account of the Tyrone Roman Catholic Board of Education for the year ended 31st December, 1902

Dr. *Cr.*

Charge.	£ s. d.	Discharge.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last Account, ...	855 2 8	By Amount of Payments under the following heads:—		
„ Dividends, ...	31 13 9	Maintenance of Premises, &c., .	971 8 9	
„ Rents, ...	647 8 7	Rent and Taxes, &c., . .	25 13 11	
„ Fees, ...	93 5 8	Salaries, ...	342 3 4	
		Educational Expenses, . .	213 8 0	
		Prizes, ...	86 13 1	1,639 7 1
		Other Payments, viz.:—		
„ Miscellaneous Receipts, viz.:—		Gas Light, ...	8 15 0	
Refund of Income Tax for three years, . .	108 13 8	Coal, ...	4 3 9	
		Furniture, ...	4 0 8	
		Attendant cleaning School, &c.,	5 4 0	
		Auditor, ...	1 1 0	21 4 3
		Total Payment, . .	—	1,660 11 4
		Balance per Bank Book, . . .	75 13 0	
		Balance in favour of this Account on the 31st December, 1902, ...	—	75 13 0
Total, ...	1,736 4 4	Total, ...	—	1,736 4 4

We certify that the above is a true Account.

[Seal.] P. J. Byrne, *Governor.*
Henry Tohall, *Accounting Officer.*

Dated this 17th day of December, 1903.

I certify that the foregoing account is correct,

18th day of December, 1902. William Foley, *Auditor.*

I certify this is a true copy

Henry Tohall, *Hon Secretary.*

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DUBLIN CASTLE,

29th April, 1904.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year 1903.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), J. B. DOUGHERTY.

The Secretary,

To the Commissioners of Education in Ireland.

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